

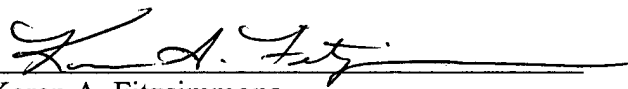
### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendment. Claims 1-15 have been cancelled in light of the restriction requirement. Claims 31-40 have been added. No new matter is introduced in the amendment. Claims 16-40 are currently pending. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at 612.371.5340 if any questions or concerns arise.

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